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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on February 23, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): (a) the amendments to the abstract and to the claims are ***not*** in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003; and, (b) applicant has added claims 8 through 26 ***without*** indicating which if any of these newly added claims are readable upon the previously elected species as required.

More particularly regarding (a) above, amendments to the specification, including the abstract, **MUST** be made by presenting a replacement paragraph or abstract ***marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version*** (i.e. the originally filed abstract in this instance). An accompanying clean version is **not** required and should **not** be presented. Applicant's reply filed on February 23, 2004 only presents a clean replacement copy of the abstract with **no** markings to show what changes have been made thereto by the amendments.

More particularly regarding (b) above, see MPEP 809.02(a) and the corresponding election/restriction requirement.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

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While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.


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